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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Lamarr Murray, 29, of Madison, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 10 years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for possessing 73 grams of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, on February 15, 2008. Murray pleaded guilty to this charge on June 18, 2008.

Murray's 10-year sentence was ordered to run consecutively to a two-year term of imprisonment that Judge Crabb also imposed because Murray violated the conditions of his federal supervised release when he possessed the crack cocaine. On October 27, 2007, Murray began serving a three-year term of supervised release that was ordered on March 21, 2004, after Murray's conviction for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, in Case No. 03-CR-161-S. The three-year term of supervised release followed a 57-month sentence in that case.

The charge against Murray was the result of an investigation conducted by Madison Police Department and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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